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ON HIGH FASHION FOOTWEAR

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM EXTAFF TEXT OF GUIDELINE ON
MORE LIBERAL TREATMENT FOR IMPORTS OF HIGH FASHION FOOT-
WEAR REPEATEDLY PROMISED SINCE THIRD ROUND OF
CONSULTATIONS ON CANADIAN FOOTWEAR QUOTAS (REFS. A AND B).
IN ADDITION, STATEMENT ALSO IS BASIS FOR NOTICE TO
CANADIAN IMPORTERS ON ADMINISTRATION OF QUOTAS APPLICABLE
TO CERTAIN SPECIALTY FOOTWEAR REPORTED REF C. IN COVERING
LETTER, EXTAFF NOTES THAT STATEMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL AND
THAT TEXT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PASSED TO INDUSTRY
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REPRESENTATIVES BUT THAT SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENT MAY BE MADE
AVAILABLE. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. CONFIDENTIAL. FOOTWEAR QUOTA ADMINISTRA-
TION.

HIGH FASHION FOOTWEAR IMPORTS WHICH WERE INITIALLY

INCLUDED UNDER THE GLOBAL QUOTA ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE FOOTWEAR QUOTA REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR ADMISSION INTO CANADA IN MODERATE QUANTITIES ABOVE AND BEYOND THE PRESENT QUOTA.

IN ITS DELIBERATIONS THE QUOTA REVIEW COMMITTEE UTILIZES A NUMBER OF CRITERIA IN DETERMINING WHETHER FOOTWEAR QUALIFY AS HIGH FASHION. INCLUDED ARE SUCH CRITERIA AS PRICE POINTS, RECOGNIZED DESIGNER NAMED FOOTWEAR, FASHION TRENDS, SOURCE, COMPLEMENTING CANADIAN PRODUCTION AND NATURE OF TRADE INVOLVED, I.E. IF BEING IMPORTED IN LARGE QUANTITIES SUCH FOOTWEAR WOULD NOT NORMALLY QUALIFY.

WITH RESPECT TO SPECIALTY TYPE FOOTWEAR, ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE IN MODERATE QUANTITIES TO IMPORTERS WISHING TO IMPORT THIS TYPE OF FOOTWEAR. IMPORTERS WITH AN ESTABLISHED ENTITLEMENT AS WELL AS NEW ENTRANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT FROM THIS PROPOSED CHANGE. HOWEVER, IMPORTERS HAVING AN ANNUAL ENTITLEMENT MUST FIRST UTILIZE COMPLETELY THIS ENTITLEMENT FOR THESE CLASSES OF FOOTWEAR BEFORE THEY CAN REQUEST ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES.

CLASSES OF FOOTWEAR TO BE INCLUDED ARE:
SPECIALIZED ATHLETIC FOOTWEAR USED FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TRACK, BASEBALL, RUGBY, FOOTBALL AND SOCCER.
SUCH FOOTWEAR MUST HAVE SPIKES OR STUDS WHICH HAVE BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FASTENED OR INTEGRALLY MOULDED WITH THE SOLE. WOMEN'S LEATHER GOODYEAR WELT GOLF SHOES WILL BE ACCORDED THE SAME TREATMENT.

CLIMBING BOOTS OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION WITH A VERY RIGID NON-FLEXIBLE, MULTI-LAYER SOLE DESIGNED FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.

ENGLISH RIDING BOOTS DESIGNED WITHOUT ZIPPER OR TIES, TO BE WORN WITH RIDING BREECHES AND TO FIT SNUGLY TO THE LEG. THEY MUST HAVE A LEATHER SOLE AND A LOW HEEL.

CYCLING SHOES DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR CYCLING AND CHARACTERIZED BY A RIGID SOLE WITH NO HEEL.

ORTHOPAEDIC FOOTWEAR DESIGNED FOR CORRECTIVE OR COMPENSATORY PURPOSE AND WHEN IMPORTED TO BE SOLD UNDER MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: IMPACT, IF ANY, FROM NEW GUIDELINE ON HIGH FASHION FOOTWEAR WILL BE VERY LIMITED. ITC SOURCE RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT, AS OF EARLY JUNE, NO EX-QUOTA IMPORT AUTHORIZATIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED. ENDERS

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